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RE: Ammonoosuc River, Upper Reach Nomination under RSA 483

Dear Commissioner Burack:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) completed its review of the Ammonoosuc River, Upper Reach (Ammonoosuc River) nomination under RSA 483 at its September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Ammonoosuc River be designated into the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) as proposed in the nomination.

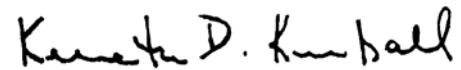
The nomination to include the Ammonoosuc River into the RMPP was submitted for consideration on May 23, 2008. Since then, the RMAC has met with the sponsors of the nomination - the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee - to learn more about the river and discuss the nomination. We also conducted a site visit of the river with the sponsors on August 12, 2008. Later that day, the RMAC held a public hearing in Carroll in coordination with the Rivers Coordinator to receive public comment on the nomination. At the RMAC's September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting the Committee reviewed all nomination materials for consistency with RSA 483 and the nomination rules, as well as public and elected officials input.

The RMAC was very impressed with the level of public support demonstrated for the nomination at the public hearing, and with the number of endorsements received from local, elected officials. Approximately 30 people attended the public hearing. All who testified at the hearing supported designation of the Ammonoosuc River. Letters of endorsement were received from Carroll's municipal boards (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission) and the Carroll County Planning Board. In the past, the RMAC has had some discomfort recommending rivers for designation into the RMPP in the absence of clear indications from local, elected officials that designation was something that the citizens of the riverfront communities wanted. We have no such concerns about the Ammonoosuc River. The proposed river segment classification designations also are appropriate based on the materials presented and the site review.

Therefore, the Rivers Management Advisory Committee unanimously recommends designation of the Ammonoosuc River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program as submitted.

If you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please do not hesitate to call me at (603) 466 2721 x199 or [kkimball@outdoors.org](mailto:kkimball@outdoors.org).

Sincerely,



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